



PARTNERING TOGETHER



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Northwestern MO Area
Spring 2007

Family Partnership Regional Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
10:00am-2:00pm
FREE!

Meeting will take place at:
Department of Health & Senior Services Bldg.
located at 3707 Whitney, Independence, MO.

Lunch will be provided to those that RSVP
on or before September 6.

To RSVP contact Tracy at 816-537-8103
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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.....

Developmental Disabilities are long-term physical, mental, or social impairments that occur before a person is twenty-two years old. They are called developmental because this is the time of life that a person develops from an infant to an adult. The source of a disability does not determine whether it is called a developmental disability. Some developmental disabilities are inherited. Some result from car accidents or other trauma. Some result from illness. Some developmental disabilities are physical, while others are mental or social. The criteria necessary for a disability to be called a developmental disability are that it occurred during the developmental period, that it appears to have permanent effects, and that it significantly affects independent functioning.

WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES

2007 Family-to-Family Conference

August 10, 11 & 12, 2007
Hilton Garden Inn
Independence, Missouri

Mark your calendar! This is an opportunity for families of and individuals with developmental disabilities to expand their knowledge, gain technical assistance, connect and share with others, have fun, learn and become invigorated!

More details to come.
Sponsored by the Missouri Planning Council for
Developmental Disabilities

Family Partnership Website:
<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/FamilyPartnership/>

Self Concept and People with Developmental Disabilities workshop with Dave Hingsburger

April 25, 2007
Jackson County Board of Services
8508 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, MO

This session looks at our interactions and how they affect people with developmental disabilities. A positive approach means more than the giving of reinforcement, it means the giving of respect, the giving of recognition and the giving of responsibility. We have the opportunity to increase a feeling of self-worth both ourselves and others with almost every interaction.

For more information call 816-822-8900

Sponsored by Jackson County Board of Services
and AAIDD Missouri Chapter

April is Autism Awareness Month....

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Both children and adults with autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. One should keep in mind however, that autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees - this is why early diagnosis is so crucial. By learning the signs, a child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention programs.

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Language & Literacy from the ABC's to SAT's

13th Annual Spring Conference

April 20 & 21, 2007

Ball Conference Center
21350 W. 153rd, Olathe, KS

www.ballconference.com

For more information call 816-838-7323
Presented by the KS/MO Branch of the
International Dyslexia Association.

Check out this website!

If you would like to connect with other parents of children with disabilities check out the EFACT website at www.effect.org. You will also find many useful resources.

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